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### **Committee Continues Authorization of ReadyOne Industries to Participate in the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program**

ReadyOne Industries of El Paso, Texas appeared before the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Committee) at its July 13, 2006 meeting. Board Chairman Leonard Goodman and Chief Executive Officer Joe Wardy briefed the Committee on the agency's reorganization, its commitment to meeting all of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program's requirements, and its progress towards achieving full compliance.

The Committee reviewed ReadyOne's progress regarding several strict conditions established for the nonprofit agency's continued participation in the JWOD Program. Committee members asked numerous questions of the ReadyOne officials, and emphasized the critical importance of reaching full compliance with its statutory and regulatory requirements. At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Committee unanimously voted to allow ReadyOne Industries to remain an authorized nonprofit agency under the JWOD Program, with continuous monitoring and independent verification of ReadyOne's compliance.

"ReadyOne Industries demonstrated to the Committee its understanding of our requirements, its significant progress in meeting them, and its strong commitment to achieve full compliance" said Leon A. Wilson, Jr., Executive Director. "By giving this nonprofit agency a second chance, we preserve the jobs of hundreds of employees with severe disabilities, who are not competitively employable."

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The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled is the independent Federal agency that administers the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. Under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program, nonprofit agencies create employment for people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities through the fulfillment of Federal contracts for products or services.